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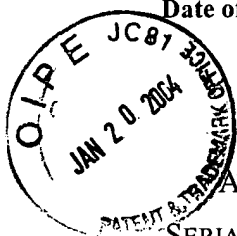
1. Response to Restriction and Species Election Requirement (2 pages);
2. Return Postcard.

Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 26448-510). If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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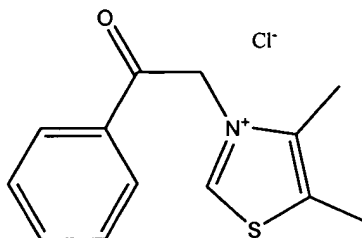
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Species Election Requirement (Paper No. 14) mailed on December 19, 2003, Applicants elect the following species: the compound of Formula I wherein Q is S, Z is group 1 and Y is CH(R5)-R6. Applicants further elect hypertension/systolic hypertension. The Examiner has also requested that Applicants elect a specific compound, Applicants elect 3-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-4,5-dimethyl-thiazolium; chloride.



Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement and note that the election of species is made for the purpose of examination of the claims only and that applicants maintain the right to have the full scope of the claims, as written, examined on the merits.


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